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Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted Data

(Including unadjusted data on imports of petroleum and petroleum products)

Note: New seasonal adjustment factors have been applied to 1977 and 1978 import data. See special announcement on page 2.

F.A.S. EXPORTS AND F.A.S. IMPORTS

Seasonally Adjusted

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce announced today that during April 1978, exports on a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) U.S. port of exportation value basis, excluding Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, amounted to $11,634.9 million and that general imports on a f.a.s. foreign port of exportation value basis, amounted to $14,496.1 million.

Based on the above export and import figures, the April merchandise trade balance was in deficit by $2,861.2 million, as compared to the deficit of $2,787.2 million recorded in March.[1] [2] [3]

During the first 4-months of 1978 (January-April), exports on a seasonally adjusted basis were at an annual rate of $127,451 million, a level about 5 percent higher than the calendar year 1977 total of $121,181 million. Imports for the January-April 1978 period were at an annual rate of $165,050 million, an increase of about 12 percent over the calendar year 1977 total of $147,670 million.

For the 4-month period, January-April 1978, exports averaged $10,620.9 million per month, about 4 percent higher than the $10,223.3 million average reported for the preceding 4-month period, September-December 1977. Imports on a f.a.s. value basis, averaged $13,754.1 million per month for the current 4-month period, a level about 7 percent higher than the $12,848.7 million average reported for the preceding 4-month period.[1] [2] [3]

Unadjusted

Exports excluding Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments decreased slightly from $12,074.2 million in March to $12,064.2 million in April. With Military Assistance Program Grant Aid shipments included, exports decreased from $12,079.4 million in March to $12,069.7 million in April. General imports decreased from $14,547.3 million in March to $14,486.0 million in April.

Note: Footnotes 1, 2, and 3 are shown at the bottom of page 6.

F.A.S. EXPORTS AND C.I.F. IMPORTS

Seasonally Adjusted

The Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce announced today that during April 1978, exports on a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) U.S. port of exportation value basis, excluding Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, amounted to $11,634.9 million and that general imports on a c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) U.S. port of entry value basis, amounted to $15,435.8 million.[1] [2] [3]

Based on the above export and import figures, the April merchandise trade balance was in deficit by $3,800.9 million as compared to the deficit of $3,657.5 million recorded in March.[1] [2] [3]

During the first 4-months of 1978 (January-April), exports on a seasonally adjusted basis were at an annual rate of $127,451 million, a level about 5 percnet higher than the calendar year 1977 total of $121,181 million. Imports for the January-April 1978 period were at an annual rate of $175,631 million, an increase of about 11 percent over the calendar year 1977 total of $157,549 million.

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Unadjusted

Exports excluding Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments decreased slightly from $12,074.2 million in March to $12,064.2 million in April. With Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments included, exports decreased from $12,079.4 million in March to $12,069.7 million in April. General imports decreased from $15,471.5 million in March to $15,425.0 million in April.

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Inquiries concerning these figures should be addressed to the Chief, Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233. Tel: Area Code 301, 763-5140; 763-7754; and 763-7755.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Seasonal Adjustment Factors

Listed below are the seasonal (and trading-day) adjustment factors for total exports and total imports for 1977 and 1978. These factors have not previously been published.

The factors for exports are based on data covering the period from January 1966 through December 1977 which were introduced in January 1978.

The factors for imports are also based on data from 1966-1977 but differ from interim factors which were used to adjust January, February, and March of 1978. The replacement of the interim factors is the result of recently completed efforts to develop seasonal adjustment factors which more accurately reflect the compilation of import data on a "date of importation basis" introduced with the January 1978 statistics (see the "Explanation of Statistics" section of this report for more details). The seasonal factors for 1977 were also revised based on the above.

The factors for seasonally adjusting the Schedule A sections (Tables 5 and 6) have also been revised.

All appropriate data, including the Merchandise Trade Balance, in this report have been revised retroactive to January 1977 to reflect these changes.

Further information regarding the methodology used in developing the adjustment factors and on the factors themselves may be obtained by contacting the Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Export and Import Trading-Day and Seasonal Adjustment Factors: 1977 and 1978

(Percent. Combined factors equal trading-day adjustment factors multiplied by seasonal adjustment factors)

Year and month	Total exports			Year and month	Total imports		
	Trading-day adjustment factors	Seasonal adjustment factors	Combined factors		Trading-day adjustment factors	Seasonal adjustment factors	Combined factors
1977				1977			
January	100.8	93.6	94.35	January	100.9	101.0	101.91
February	92.0	104.0	95.68	February	92.1	99.8	91.92
March	101.7	106.9	108.72	March	102.5	103.2	105.78
April	100.3	105.6	105.92	April	98.6	102.6	101.16
May	99.7	104.5	104.19	May	101.6	99.2	100.79
June	99.0	102.9	101.87	June	99.1	106.3	105.34
July	102.4	91.7	93.90	July	101.1	98.5	99.58
August	101.4	91.5	92.78	August	102.5	97.1	99.53
September	99.7	94.2	93.92	September	99.5	96.7	96.22
October	100.8	101.3	102.11	October	100.9	98.4	99.29
November	98.5	103.8	102.24	November	98.9	100.0	98.90
December	103.4	100.2	103.61	December	102.1	97.2	99.24
1978				1978			
January	99.9	93.6	93.51	January	101.6	101.1	102.72
February	92.2	104.0	95.89	February	92.1	99.9	92.01
March	103.7	106.7	110.65	March	102.9	103.2	106.19
April	98.1	105.7	103.69	April	97.3	102.7	99.93
May	101.6	104.5	106.17	May	102.5	99.0	101.48
June	99.9	103.0	102.90	June	99.5	106.3	105.77
July	101.0	91.8	92.72	July	100.9	98.6	99.49
August	101.9	91.4	93.14	August	102.5	97.1	99.53
September	100.5	94.2	94.67	September	98.6	96.7	95.35
October	99.9	101.2	101.10	October	101.6	98.3	99.87
November	99.2	103.8	102.97	November	99.1	99.9	99.00
December	102.6	100.3	102.91	December	101.2	97.3	98.47

EXPLANATION OF STATISTICS

IMPORT STATISTICS

Coverage

The U.S. import statistics reflect both government and nongovernment imports of merchandise from foreign countries into the U.S. Customs territory, which includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The U.S. import statistics exclude imports into the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and other U.S. possessions; and shipments between the United States and Puerto Rico, between the United States and U.S. possessions, and between any of these outlying areas. (Data on U.S. trade with Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands of the United States are published separately in Report FT 800. Additional data on such trade and on imports into the Virgin Islands from foreign countries are presented in reference tabulations.) Data on imports of petroleum and selected petroleum products, including shipments into the Virgin Islands from foreign countries, are included in this report effective with the January 1976 statistics (previously shown in former Report FT 900-Supplement).

The U.S. import statistics also exclude American goods returned to the United States by its Armed Forces; intransit shipments through the United States when documented as such with Customs; temporary shipments; transactions not considered to be of statistical significance, such as shipments of personal and household effects; low-valued nondutiable imports by mail; and issued monetary coins of all component metals.

Inclusion of Gold in the Statistics

Effective with the statistics for January 1978, imports of nonmonetary gold (in such forms as ore, scrap and base bullion, nonmonetary refined bullion, etc.) which were previously excluded, are now included in the statistics. Imports of silver in these forms have been included since January 1969. Additional information regarding the inclusion of gold in the 1978 statistics appears in the November and December 1977 issues of Report FT 990.

General Imports/Imports For Consumption

The statistics on U.S. imports are presented in terms of both "General Imports" and "Imports for Consumption." General imports are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and entries into Customs bonded warehouses, and thus generally reflect total arrivals of merchandise. Imports for consumption are a combination of entries for immediate consumption and withdrawals from warehouses for consumption, and thus generally reflect the total of the commodities entered into U.S. consumption channels.

Source Of Import Information

The official U.S. import statistics are compiled by the Bureau of the Census from copies of the import entry and warehouse withdrawal forms which importers are required by law to file with Customs officials. The information as to country of origin, net quantity, value, and commodity classification is verified by Customs officials on entries filed for transactions valued over $250, which are ordinarily subject to examination for Customs appraisement purposes. The statistical copy of the entry is corrected if it does not accurately reflect the information called for by the statistical requirements.

Import Valuation

F.a.s. Import Value.—The f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value represents the transaction value of imports at the foreign port of exportation. It is based on the purchase price, i.e., the actual transaction value and generally includes all charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the port of exportation in the country of exportation.

C.i.f. Import Value.—The c.i.f. (cost, insurance, and freight) value represents the value of imports at the first port of entry in the United States. It is based on the purchase price and includes all freight, insurance, and other charges (excluding U.S. import duties) incurred in bringing the merchandise from the country of exportation and generally placing it alongside the carrier at the first port of entry in the United States. If the merchandise was acquired in a transaction between related parties, the purchase price used in deriving the c.i.f. value is based on an arm's-length equivalent transaction price, i.e., a price which would exist between unrelated buyers and sellers.

Import Commodity Information

Import data are initially reported in terms of the commodity classifications in the Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated (TSUSA), which is an official publication of the U.S. International Trade Commission, embracing the legal text of the Tariff Schedules of the United States together with statistical annotations. The TSUSA data are rearranged and presented in this report in terms of totals for the 1-digit commodity sections in Schedule A, Statistical Classification of Commodities Imported Into the United States, which is based upon the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 2, effective with the statistics for January 1978. Prior to January 1978, Schedule A was based upon the former SITC, Revised.

Date of Importation and Import Monthly Carryover

It is the objective of the compiling procedures to include shipments, insofar as practicable, in the statistics for the actual month of importation (or the month of withdrawal in the case of warehouse withdrawals for consumption). Effective with the January 1978 statistics, the date of importation as reported on the import entries is being used to determine the statistical month in which the shipments are included. However, since under the Customs "immediate-delivery" procedures importers may file the import entry up to 10 workdays after the date of release of the merchandise, some documents for merchandise imported during the last few days of a given month may not be received in time for inclusion in the statistics for that month. As a result, there is a carryover, estimated at about 15 percent, from the actual month of importation to a subsequent month. In addition, processing problems (e.g., late filing of documents, rejection of a shipment by the computer because the data fail to meet certain edit criteria established to protect the accuracy of the statistics, etc.) contribute to an additional carryover of about 5 percent (in terms of value) of shipments from the re-

ported month of importation (or withdrawal from warehouse) to a subsequent month, usually the succeeding month. These limitations should be borne in mind when making month-to-month comparisons.

For 1977 and previous years, the date of Customs official acceptance of the import documents was used to determine the statistical month in which the shipments were included. However, in certain annual publications for 1977 and in 1978 reports which also present 1977 data (e.g., FT 900, FT 990, etc.), the 1977 data are recompiled on a date of importation basis.

Cumulations of data over at least 4-month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends. Month-to-month changes in imports, exports, and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements, e.g., exogenous events such as strikes, differences in monthly carryover, etc.

Estimated Data for Imports Valued Under $251

The overall import and Schedule A Section 9 totals include sample estimates for shipments valued under $251. Therefore, they are subject to sampling error, estimated at less than one-tenth of one percent for the unadjusted overall total and about one percent for the unadjusted Schedule A Section 9 total. This means that we can have about 67 percent confidence that the published unadjusted overall totals and the unadjusted Schedule A Section 9 totals differ by less than one-tenth of a percent and one percent, respectively, from the totals that would have resulted from a complete tabulation. The statistics on imports of petroleum and petroleum products included in this report reflect fully compiled data and, therefore, are not subject to sampling error.

EXPORT STATISTICS

Coverage

The export statistics reflect, in general, both government and nongovernment exports of domestic and foreign merchandise from the U.S. Customs territory (includes the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico) to foreign countries, whether the exportation involves a commercial transaction or not. The statistics, therefore, include Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments, shipments for economic assistance under the Foreign Assistance Act and shipments of agricultural commodities under P.L. 480 (The Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, as amended) and related laws. The following are excluded from the statistics: Shipments to U.S. Armed Forces and diplomatic missions abroad for their own use; shipments between the United States and Puerto Rico, between the United States and its possessions (including the Virgin Islands), and between these outlying areas; exports from U.S. possessions; intransit shipments through the United States; transactions not considered to be of statistical importance, such as personal and household effects; temporary exports; low-valued or non-commercial exports by mail; and issued monetary coins of all component metals.

Inclusion of Gold in the Statistics.

As indicated above for imports, effective with the statistics for January 1978, exports of nonmonetary gold (in such forms as ore, scrap and base bullion, nonmonetary refined bullion, etc.) which were previously excluded, are included in the statistics. Exports of silver in these forms have been included since January 1969. Additional information regarding the inclusion of gold in the 1978 statistics appears in the November and December 1977 issues of Report FT 990.

Definition of Exports of Domestic and Foreign Merchandise

Exports of domestic merchandise include commodities which are grown, produced, or manufactured in the UnitedStates, and commodities of foreign origin which have been changed in the United States from the form in which they were imported, or which have been enhanced in value by further manufacture in the United States. Exports of foreign merchandise consist of commodities of foreign origin which have entered the United States as imports and which, at the time of exportation, are in substantially the same condition as when imported.

Source of Export Information

The official U.S. export statistics are compiled by the Bureau of the Census primarily from copies of Shipper's Export Declarations which are required to be filed with Customs officials, except for Department of Defense Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments which are reported directly to the Bureau of the Census by the Department of Defense and shipments by qualified exporters who have been authorized to submit data in the form of magnetic tape, punched cards, or monthly Shipper's Summary Export Declarations directly to the Bureau of the Census.

Export Valuation

F.a.s. Export Value. --The value reported in the export statistics generally is equivalent to a f.a.s. (free alongside ship) value at the U.S. port of export, based on the transaction price, including inland freight, insurance and other charges incurred in placing the merchandise alongside the carrier at the U.S. port of exportation.

Export Commodity Information

Beginning January 1978, export commodity information is collected in terms of the commodity classifications in the 1978 edition of Schedule B, Statistical Classification of Domestic and Foreign Commodities Exported from the United States, which is based on the framework of the classification system in the Tariff Schedules of the United States (TSUS). In this report, the Schedule B data are rearranged and presented in terms of totals for the 1-digit commodity sections in Schedule E, which is based upon the Standard International Trade Classification (SITC), Revision 2, effective with the statistics for January 1978. Prior to January 1978, the export classifications in Schedule B were based upon the organizational framework of the former SITC, Revised.

Export Monthly Carryover

It is the objective of the compiling procedures to include shipments, insofar as practicable, in the statistics for the actual month of exportation. For purposes of the statistics, the month of exportation is generally based on the date when the shipment leaves the United States. (For vessel or air shipments it is the date when the carrier departs or is cleared from the port of export.) However, as indicated above for imports, because of

processing problems (e.g., late receipt of a document for an end-of-month shipment, rejection of a shipment by the computer because the data fail to meet certain edit criteria established to protect the accuracy of the statistics, etc.), there is an overall average carryover of about 2 to 3 percent (in terms of value) of the shipments from the actual month of exportation to a subsequent month, usually the succeeding month. These limitations should be borne in mind when making month-to-month comparisons.

Cumulations of data over at least 4-month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends. Month-to-month changes in imports, exports, and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements, differences in monthly carryover, etc.

Estimated Data for Export Shipments

The overall export and Schedule B section and division totals include sample estimates for shipments valued $251-$1,999 to Canada and for shipments valued $251-$999 to countries other than Canada. Data for shipments valued $250 and under to all countries are also estimated, based on established percentages of individual country totals, and included in the Schedule B Section 9 totals regardless of the commodity exported. It is estimated that the unadjusted overall total is subject to a sampling error of less than one-tenth of one percent, and the unadjusted Schedule B section or division totals are subject to sampling errors of about one percent. In addition, the Schedule B Section 9 total is subject to possible error in the estimated data for shipments valued $250 and under; and the overall total, and the individual totals for sections other than Section 9, to a more limited extent. Such $250 and under shipments represent about 1 percent of the total value of exports, and about 60 percent of the Schedule B Section 9 total.

SOURCES OF ERROR IN THE STATISTICS

Monthly import and export figures are subject to the possibility of errors which may arise from sources other than sampling errors, discussed above. Among these are errors in the reporting and/or processing of information as to commodity classification, value and other statistical factors, month of inclusion (see paragraphs on import and export carryover, above), and the undercounting of exports to Canada due to the non-receipt of Shipper's Export Declarations. For 1976, the undercounting amounted to about one and one-half billion dollars. In the case of imports the information as to value and commodity classification (as well as country of origin and net quantity) is verified by Customs officials on entries filed for transactions valued over $250 which are ordinarily subject to examination for Customs appraisement purposes, thus considerably reducing the possibility of error. In addition, the procedures used to compile both the import and export statistics include clerical and computer processing checks designed to protect the accuracy of the statistics to the fullest practicable extent.

MERCHANDISE TRADE BALANCES

Two trade balances are presented in this report:

1) The balance between exports based on f.a.s. values and imports based on f.a.s. values.

2) The balance between exports based on f.a.s. values and imports based on c.i.f. values with adjustments for imports from affiliated sellers abroad to reflect arms-length equivalent prices.

Both balances are useful for certain purposes. The first balance corresponds to a measurement of the international payments or credit flows resulting from merchandise trade between the U.S. and foreign countries. The second balance is based on concepts similar to those used by most foreign countries, and therefore provides a reference for comparison with the trade balances published by those countries.

REVISIONS TO THE STATISTICS

Under the revision policy adopted effective with the 1977 statistics, revisions to the monthly statistics for the current year will be issued only once a year, i.e., with the reports for June of the following year. Thus, revisions to 1977 statistics will be issued only in June 1978. Under the policy previously in effect, revisions were issued twice a year the current year's June reports contained revisions for the prior year while the December reports usually contained revisions for the first three quarters of the current year.

In addition to the revisions which are made on a once a year basis, instances may occur where a significant error in the statistics for a month of the current year is discovered after the statistics for that month are compiled. If the error is of sufficient importance to require correction prior to the time that the regular revisions are carried, the correction is made and so noted in this report.

SOURCES OF FURTHER INFORMATION

Additional foreign trade statistics and information regarding coverage, valuation, sampling, and qualifications which should be considered by users of the statistics are contained primarily in the following publications: Report FT 990, Highlights of U.S. Export and Import Trade; FT 135, U.S. General Imports, Schedule A Commodity by Country; FT 410, U.S. Exports, Schedule E Commodity by Country; and the Guide to Foreign Trade Statistics. Information regarding additional sources of statistics, the methodology used in seasonally adjusting the data, and other matters relating to foreign trade statistics may be obtained from the Foreign Trade Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Table 1. U.S. Exports (f.a.s. Value Basis), General Imports (f.a.s. and c.i.f. Value Basis), and Merchandise Trade Balance, Adjusted for Seasonal and Working-Day Variation, by Month: January 1977 to April 1978

(In millions of dollars. See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage, date of importation, definitions of export and import values and trade balances, and sources of error in the data)

Period	F.a.s. Exports and f.a.s. Imports [1] [2] [3]			F.a.s. Exports and c.i.f. Imports [1] [2] [3]		
	Exports	Imports	Trade balance	Exports	Imports	Trade balance
1977						
January-April	r39,679.1	r47,278.0	r-7,598.9	r39,679.1	r50,451.3	r-10,772.2
January	9,665.3	10,445.0	-779.7	9,665.3	11,170.8	-1,505.5
February	9,896.5	12,611.3	-2,714.8	9,896.5	13,460.7	-3,564.2
March	10,164.1	12,424.0	-2,259.9	10,164.1	13,242.5	-3,078.4
April	9,953.2	11,797.7	-1,844.5	9,953.2	12,577.3	-2,624.1
May	10,521.9	11,169.5	-647.6	10,521.9	11,925.0	-1,403.1
June	10,091.6	13,334.3	-3,242.7	10,091.6	14,232.5	-4,140.9
July	10,384.6	12,483.0	-2,098.4	10,384.6	13,338.7	-2,954.1
August	9,674.0	12,101.4	-2,427.4	9,674.0	12,897.0	-3,223.0
September	11,036.5	12,939.3	-1,902.8	11,036.5	13,810.3	-2,773.8
October	9,374.8	12,583.3	-3,208.5	9,374.8	13,427.7	-4,052.9
November	9,475.0	12,398.1	-2,923.1	9,475.0	13,193.6	-3,718.6
December	11,007.0	13,474.2	-2,467.2	11,007.0	14,369.4	-3,362.4
1978						
January-April	42,483.7	55,016.5	-12,532.8	42,483.7	58,543.7	-16,060.0
January	10,014.3	12,380.9	-2,366.6	10,014.3	13,157.0	-3,142.7
February	9,922.4	14,440.2	-4,517.8	9,922.4	15,381.3	-5,458.9
March	10,912.1	13,699.3	-2,787.2	10,912.1	14,569.6	-3,657.5
April	11,634.9	14,496.1	-2,861.2	11,634.9	15,435.8	-3,800.9
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						

rRevised. Reflects corrected 1977 monthly totals: January, May and June for exports; and June and August for imports.

[1]Export data represent domestic and foreign merchandise excluding Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipments. Import data represent general imports of merchandise.

[2]Beginning with the January 1978 issue of this report, export and import totals and trade balances include data on shipments of nonmonetary gold in the form of ores, concentrates, waste, scrap, and refined bullion. During 1977, U.S. exports of nonmonetary gold totaled $1,079.1 million. Monthly values were reported in millions as follows: January $143.3; February $65.3; March $5.9; April $1.9; May $101.5; June $28.4; July $245.9; August $96.5; September $7.5; October $263.1; November $41.6; and December $78.3. Imports totaled $648.8 million. By month, values in millions were as follows: January $30.4; February $23.3; March $26.0; April $23.7; May $28.8; June $89.4; July $26.5; August $27.3; September $88.2; October $43.1; November $182.8; and December $59.3.

[3]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation using adjustment factors as described in footnote 1 at bottom of this page.

[1] Exports and imports are adjusted for seasonal and trading day variation but not for changes in price level. Factors used to adjust 1977 and 1978 export data shown in this report represent seasonal adjustment factors derived from monthly data through 1977 and introduced in January 1978 combined with appropriate trading day adjustment factors. Beginning with this report the 1977 and 1978 import data are being adjusted by revised seasonal factors derived from monthly data through 1977. In issues of this report for January through March 1978, the 1977 seasonally adjusted import data were adjusted by factors derived from monthly data through 1976; while interim factors derived from monthly data through 1977 were used to adjust 1978 import data for January, February, and March. See the special announcement on "seasonal Adjustment Factors" appearing in this report for further information.

[2] Cumulations of data over at least 4-month periods are desirable to identify underlying trends. Month-to-month changes in exports, imports, and similar series often reflect primarily irregular movements, differences in monthly carryover, etc. Recent month-to-month percent changes in the overall seasonally adjusted export and import series are presented in the followint table with average percent month-to-month rise and decline over longer periods shown for comparison. The average rise and average decline figures do not reflect data on nonmonetary gold. The averages also exclude percentage changes for (1) the period October-December 1977 because of abnormalities in the data due to effects of dock strikes and (2) periods when negligible changes (zero percent) in the level of exports/imports occurred. Percentage changes for f.a.s. and c.i.f. import values are not available for periods prior to January 1974:

Series	Month-to-month				Average monthly rates of change			
	Mar.-Apr. 1978 (Percent)	Feb.-Mar. 1978 (Percent)	Jan.-Feb. 1978 (Percent)	Dec. 1977-Jan. 1978 (Percent)	Average rise 1972-1977 (Percent)	Average decline 1972-1977 (Percent)	4 months Dec. 1977-Apr. 1978 (Percent)	12 months Apr. 1977-Apr. 1978 (Percent)
F.a.s. export value..	+6.6	+10.0	-0.9	-9.0	+3.6	-3.4	+1.7	+1.7
F.a.s. import value..	+5.8	-5.1	+16.6	-8.1	(NA)	(NA)	+2.3	+2.1
C.i.f. import value..	+5.9	-5.3	+16.9	-8.4	(NA)	(NA)	+2.3	+2.1

[3] See the "Explanation of Statistics" for definitions of the export and import values and trade balances.

Table 2. U.S. Exports (f.a.s. Value Basis) of Merchandise Showing Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments, by Month: January 1977 to April 1978

(In millions of dollars. See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage, definition of f.a.s. export value, and sources of error in the data. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Exports excluding DOD Grant-Aid[1]			Exports including DOD Grant-Aid[1]		DOD Grant-Aid[2]		
	Domestic and foreign, seasonally adjusted[3]	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Domestic and foreign, unadjusted	Domestic, unadjusted	Total	Western Europe	Other countries
1977								
January-December	(r) ([4])	r121,180.5	r118,980.0	r121,242.4	r119,041.9	61.9	3.1	58.7
January-April	39,679.1	40,180.9	39,496.6	40,216.1	39,531.8	35.2	0.9	34.3
January	9,665.3	9,119.2	8,960.9	9,136.0	8,977.6	16.8	0.1	16.6
February	9,896.5	9,469.0	9,336.0	9,473.9	9,341.0	5.0	0.3	4.7
March	10,164.1	11,050.4	10,855.2	11,058.2	10,863.1	7.8	0.3	7.5
April	9,953.2	10,542.4	10,344.5	10,548.0	10,350.1	5.6	0.1	5.5
May	10,521.9	10,962.8	10,770.5	10,967.9	10,775.6	5.1	0.3	4.8
June	10,091.6	10,280.3	10,065.5	10,283.4	10,068.6	3.1	0.1	3.0
July	10,384.6	9,751.1	9,590.3	9,754.4	9,593.5	3.2	0.1	3.1
August	9,674.0	8,975.5	8,802.2	8,978.5	8,805.1	2.9	0.4	2.6
September	11,036.5	10,365.5	10,151.9	10,369.2	10,155.5	3.6	0.2	3.4
October	9,374.8	9,572.6	9,379.7	9,575.2	9,382.3	2.6	0.2	2.4
November	9,475.0	9,687.2	9,517.4	9,689.6	9,519.8	2.5	0.3	2.2
December	11,007.0	11,404.4	11,206.0	11,408.2	11,209.8	3.8	0.8	2.9
1978								
January-April	42,483.7	43,017.4	42,236.5	43,034.6	42,253.6	17.2	2.9	14.3
January	10,014.3	9,364.4	9,214.1	9,366.9	9,216.6	2.5	0.5	2.1
February	9,922.4	9,514.6	9,337.8	9,518.5	9,341.7	3.9	1.3	2.7
March	10,912.1	12,074.2	11,830.5	12,079.4	11,835.8	5.2	0.5	4.8
April	11,634.9	12,064.2	11,854.1	12,069.7	11,859.6	5.4	0.7	4.8
May								
June								
July								
August								
September								
October								
November								
December								

rRevised. Reflects revised totals for January, May and June 1977.

[1]Beginning with January 1978 statistics, totals include data on shipments of nonmonetary gold. See table 1, footnote 2.

[2]Represents only export shipments from the United States and differs from DOD Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid shipment figures under this program as follows: (a) Transfers of the material procured outside the United States and transfers from DOD overseas stocks from export shipments. (b) Export value is f.a.s., whereas DOD value, in most instances, is f.o.b., point of origin. (c) Data for shipments reported by the DOD for a given month are included in Bureau of Census reports in the second month subsequent to the month reported by the DOD.

[3]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation. See footnote 1 on the bottom of page 6.

[4]Annual total is not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals.

Table 3. U.S. Imports of Merchandise, by Month: January 1977 to April 1978

(In millions of dollars. See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage, date of importation, definitions of f.a.s. and c.i.f. import values, and sources of error in the data. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	F.a.s. value[1]			C.i.f. value[1]		
	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted	General imports		Imports for consumption, unadjusted
	Seasonally adjusted[2]	Unadjusted		Seasonally adjusted[2]	Unadjusted	
1977						
January-December	([3])	r147,670.5	r146,909.1	([3])	r157,548.7	r156,758.3
January-April	47,278.0	47,313.6	47,111.7	50,451.3	50,488.5	50,281.4
January	10,445.0	10,644.5	10,667.0	11,170.8	11,384.2	11,409.5
February	12,611.3	11,592.3	11,523.7	13,460.7	12,373.1	12,303.1
March	12,424.0	13,142.1	13,068.7	13,242.5	14,007.9	13,930.1
April	11,797.7	11,934.6	11,852.2	12,577.3	12,723.2	12,638.7
May	11,169.5	11,257.7	11,076.4	11,925.0	12,019.2	11,831.0
June	13,334.3	14,046.4	14,034.7	14,232.5	14,992.5	14,978.9
July	12,483.0	12,430.6	12,342.9	13,338.7	13,282.7	13,190.9
August	12,101.4	12,044.5	12,040.7	12,897.0	12,836.4	12,829.0
September	12,939.3	12,450.2	12,326.6	13,810.3	13,288.3	13,159.9
October	12,583.3	12,494.0	12,543.1	13,427.7	13,332.4	13,383.5
November	12,398.1	12,261.7	12,274.9	13,193.6	13,048.5	13,063.5
December	13,474.2	13,371.8	13,157.9	14,369.4	14,260.2	14,040.1
1978						
January-April	55,016.5	55,037.4	54,900.3	58,543.7	58,563.8	58,415.3
January	12,380.9	12,717.7	12,604.1	13,157.0	13,514.9	13,397.7
February	14,440.2	13,286.4	13,316.4	15,381.3	14,152.3	14,180.2
March	13,699.3	14,547.3	14,569.5	14,569.6	15,471.5	15,492.4
April	14,496.1	14,486.0	14,410.4	15,435.8	15,425.0	15,345.0
May						
June						
July						
August						
September						
October						
November						
December						

rRevised. Reflects revised totals for June and August 1977.

[1]Beginning with January 1978 statistics, totals include data on shipments of nonmonetary gold. See the Explanation of Statistics for additional information. See also table 1, footnote 2.

[2]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation. See footnote 1 on the bottom of page 6.

[3]Annual total is not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals.

Table 4. U.S. Exports (f.a.s. Value Basis) of Domestic Merchandise, Including Department of Defense (DOD) Military Assistance Program Grant-Aid Shipments—Schedule E Sections Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted, by Month: January 1977 to April 1978

(In millions of dollars. See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage, definition of f.a.s. export value, and sources of error in the data. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule E sections[1]									
	0	1	2[2]	3	4	5	6	7	8	9[2]
	Seasonally adjusted[3]									
1977										
January-April	4,741.9	591.0	4,503.3	1,289.1	391.7	3,567.8	3,697.6	16,267.3	2,610.3	1,257.3
January	1,085.3	155.9	1,071.2	265.0	71.5	874.6	907.5	4,093.8	645.1	r379.6
February	1,179.1	150.4	1,153.9	327.2	93.5	947.2	942.1	3,987.8	661.8	315.3
March	1,256.0	162.6	1,090.9	321.9	115.4	886.9	929.7	4,129.8	665.2	320.1
April	1,221.5	122.1	1,187.3	375.0	111.3	859.1	918.3	4,055.9	638.2	242.3
May	1,312.1	147.2	1,242.2	393.8	116.7	878.1	924.3	4,230.5	674.8	r367.5
June	1,208.4	167.6	1,126.6	373.1	111.9	912.1	918.5	4,096.9	692.0	r301.1
July	1,231.6	188.4	1,112.3	418.8	122.3	943.2	890.5	4,106.9	699.3	508.1
August	1,177.0	168.8	859.3	309.3	127.7	865.6	863.9	4,064.6	674.9	378.9
September	1,271.9	193.9	1,027.1	393.2	110.2	1,101.0	1,025.2	4,632.0	758.0	265.5
October	963.4	59.7	1,023.8	338.4	104.0	778.5	741.3	4,112.7	661.4	529.2
November	1,020.4	114.5	1,038.4	338.1	123.1	788.9	832.0	4,048.1	710.7	317.4
December	1,250.6	221.6	1,083.2	307.9	101.8	989.9	982.2	4,729.6	769.5	400.7
1978										
January-April	5,416.0	693.4	4,537.0	854.1	474.5	3,732.8	3,719.7	17,590.7	3,077.6	1,592.1
January	1,153.5	127.9	1,071.2	230.4	100.4	873.0	887.6	4,242.3	736.3	464.7
February	1,342.7	188.3	1,010.8	172.2	98.7	919.0	896.8	4,123.3	735.2	266.9
March	1,384.0	220.0	1,168.1	183.6	131.3	962.7	969.8	4,442.5	769.9	387.7
April	1,535.8	157.2	1,286.9	267.9	144.1	978.1	965.5	4,782.6	836.2	472.8
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
	Unadjusted									
1977										
January-December	14,135.8	1,846.8	13,080.2	4,183.0	1,308.7	10,822.8	10,858.0	50,256.7	8,236.2	4,313.7
January-April	4,720.1	569.1	4,857.7	1,174.5	402.1	3,572.1	3,702.5	16,679.8	2,626.3	1,227.6
January	1,078.8	166.3	1,055.1	217.6	75.1	816.0	839.4	3,762.2	590.3	r376.9
February	1,116.6	133.7	1,210.4	268.0	91.9	910.3	892.2	3,816.3	620.8	280.9
March	1,289.9	157.2	1,260.0	291.0	132.2	943.7	1,003.1	4,753.4	733.0	299.6
April	1,234.9	112.0	1,332.2	397.9	102.8	902.1	967.9	4,347.9	682.2	270.2
May	1,234.7	128.8	1,325.4	432.4	125.2	922.9	970.5	4,568.9	698.4	r368.2
June	1,148.0	142.5	1,074.8	398.1	120.1	917.6	947.0	4,260.8	724.5	r335.1
July	1,165.1	156.6	934.3	398.3	126.3	956.4	856.7	3,798.9	685.3	515.7
August	1,141.7	155.6	711.5	333.7	102.8	879.5	831.9	3,621.6	651.3	375.5
September	1,247.7	201.8	822.7	401.8	105.7	1,063.6	1,013.9	4,303.1	744.4	250.9
October	987.5	67.3	1,043.3	366.8	98.1	737.2	742.8	4,174.4	671.3	493.7
November	1,142.9	142.4	1,130.8	362.1	112.5	736.0	815.4	4,072.4	692.9	312.3
December	1,348.2	282.6	1,179.6	315.3	116.0	1,037.4	977.3	4,776.9	741.8	434.8
1978										
January-April	5,342.7	663.8	4,839.3	779.7	480.1	3,715.8	3,734.8	18,036.5	3,088.3	1,572.7
January	1,132.7	138.0	1,049.8	188.9	96.0	830.2	829.9	3,852.0	665.6	433.6
February	1,271.5	168.0	1,063.4	141.0	97.2	883.2	848.4	3,941.9	689.6	237.5
March	1,465.7	213.6	1,337.5	165.2	141.5	1,031.1	1,067.7	5,144.4	878.5	390.4
April	1,472.8	144.3	1,388.6	284.5	145.4	971.3	988.7	5,098.7	854.6	511.1
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										

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[1]Schedule E section descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related material
4. Oils and fats--animal and vegetable
5. Chemicals and related products N.S.P.F.
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, N.S.P.F.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere

[2]Beginning with January 1978 statistics, totals include data on shipments of nonmonetary gold. See the Explanation of Statistics for additional information. See also table 1, footnote 2.

[3]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation. See footnote 1 on the bottom of page 6. Annual totals are not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals. The section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 2 were adjusted independently.

Table 5. U.S. General Imports (f.a.s. Value Basis) of Merchandise, Schedule A Sections, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted, by Month: January 1977 to April 1978

(In millions of dollars. See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage, date of importation, definition of f.a.s. import value, and sources of error in the data. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule A sections[1]									
	0	1	2[2]	3	4	5	6	7	8	9[2]
	Seasonally adjusted[3]									
1977										
January-April	4,511.2	535.9	2,629.7	15,217.1	174.9	1,600.2	6,609.8	11,155.1	4,316.6	933.1
January	985.2	118.3	581.5	3,337.8	56.4	348.2	1,507.2	2,583.7	1,022.5	219.8
February	1,175.2	137.8	707.3	3,927.2	44.3	426.7	1,702.6	3,074.9	1,162.3	255.4
March	1,071.1	153.9	686.1	4,368.5	37.1	408.8	1,654.7	2,706.9	1,049.5	224.6
April	1,279.7	125.9	654.8	3,583.6	37.1	416.5	1,745.3	2,789.6	1,082.3	233.3
May	1,139.8	139.3	676.3	2,826.7	41.5	412.4	1,774.4	2,809.2	1,131.5	r258.3
June	1,058.4	134.7	736.1	4,384.7	71.3	437.0	1,854.7	3,247.0	1,225.1	r384.2
July	989.2	120.0	684.6	3,842.1	41.3	430.4	1,789.5	3,078.3	1,149.2	r228.2
August	879.5	186.8	750.3	3,541.6	51.4	428.7	1,821.6	3,017.8	1,121.3	r246.7
September	933.4	193.3	728.6	3,823.7	42.0	470.3	1,886.8	3,217.9	1,238.8	300.9
October	880.7	125.4	757.9	3,900.1	29.4	347.7	1,809.6	3,255.9	1,199.6	269.5
November	896.2	100.6	769.0	3,985.9	39.5	310.0	1,735.2	3,155.4	1,069.7	391.9
December	1,261.8	146.6	753.3	3,091.0	40.3	544.6	2,061.9	3,519.9	1,349.9	306.1
1978										
January-April	4,638.8	699.6	2,969.8	13,541.0	168.2	2,050.4	9,373.9	15,103.5	5,938.4	1,359.4
January	1,136.0	134.5	683.9	3,222.4	28.9	410.7	2,085.1	3,497.6	1,320.5	351.4
February	1,187.4	182.5	797.2	3,562.9	50.7	521.2	2,497.6	3,970.2	1,522.0	282.9
March	1,166.5	171.6	766.2	3,133.5	44.7	558.9	2,329.4	3,646.0	1,531.0	375.6
April	1,148.9	211.0	722.5	3,622.2	43.9	559.6	2,461.8	3,989.7	1,564.9	349.5
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
	Unadjusted									
1977										
January-December	12,557.8	1,669.4	8,486.2	44,537.2	530.7	4,970.4	21,367.0	36,406.7	13,809.4	3,335.7
January-April	4,530.4	520.0	2,486.1	15,664.6	172.2	1,641.5	6,288.8	11,153.6	3,976.4	879.9
January	971.4	120.5	549.5	3,521.4	56.9	352.7	1,428.8	2,493.3	945.8	204.2
February	1,097.6	122.4	598.4	3,856.5	40.8	387.4	1,494.9	2,776.6	989.1	228.6
March	1,147.1	155.4	685.4	4,774.8	38.0	439.9	1,653.0	2,996.5	1,031.7	220.3
April	1,314.3	121.7	652.8	3,511.9	36.5	461.5	1,712.1	2,887.2	1,009.8	226.8
May	1,122.7	144.9	696.6	2,792.8	42.1	412.4	1,781.5	2,946.9	1,060.2	257.5
June	1,156.8	145.5	839.1	4,305.8	70.6	449.2	2,010.5	3,419.1	1,257.0	r392.7
July	980.3	111.2	714.7	3,911.3	41.8	399.4	1,784.1	2,995.2	1,261.8	230.7
August	884.8	162.3	771.3	3,651.4	52.6	421.8	1,863.5	2,761.3	1,231.2	r244.2
September	873.7	182.9	744.6	3,720.5	41.7	436,4	1,888.7	2,995.9	1,257.4	308.4
October	812.9	137.8	737.4	3,634.9	29.6	349.1	1,869.3	3,301.5	1,341.1	280.5
November	901.6	105.0	715.2	3,702.9	39.0	311.6	1,763.0	3,190.1	1,118.9	414.6
December	1,294.6	159.8	781.2	3,153.0	41.1	549.0	2,117.6	3,643.1	1,305.4	327.2
1978										
January-April	4,657.3	676.7	2,806.4	13,869.3	164.6	2,107.4	8,695.4	15,102.0	5,472.4	1,285.9
January	1,126.9	138.1	650.4	3,422.2	29.3	418.9	1,982.9	3,392.7	1,228.1	328.2
February	1,111.4	162.4	675.2	3,502.3	46.6	472.7	2,195.4	3,573.2	1,293.7	253.5
March	1,257.5	174.7	768.5	3,431.2	46.0	604.2	2,334.1	4,050.7	1,511.1	369.2
April	1,161.5	201.5	712.4	3,513.5	42.7	611.6	2,383.0	4,085.5	1,439.7	334.8
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										

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[1]Schedule A section description are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related material
4. Oils and fats--animal and vegetable
5. Chemicals and related products, N.S.P.F.
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, N.S.P.F.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere

[2]Beginning with January 1978 statistics, totals include data on shipments of nonmonetary gold. See the Explanation of Statistics for additional information. See also table 1, footnote 2.

[3]Adjsuted for seasonal and working-day variation. See footnote 1 on bottom of page 6. Annual totals are not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals. The section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 3 were adjusted independently.

Table 6. U.S. General Imports (c.i.f. Value Basis) of Merchandise, Schedule A Sections, Seasonally Adjusted and Unadjusted, by Month: January 1977 to April 1978

(In millions of dollars. See Explanation of Statistics for information on coverage, date of importation, definition of c.i.f. import value, and sources of error in the data. Unadjusted totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Period	Schedule A sections[1]									
	0	1	2[2]	3	4	5	6	7	8	9[2]
	Seasonally adjusted[3]									
1977										
January-April	4,801.6	582.1	2,815.9	16,197.0	186.0	1,684.3	7,089.6	11,948.8	4,632.7	949.3
January	1,054.0	128.8	623.1	3,566.3	60.1	366.2	1,625.1	2,762.6	1,099.1	223.7
February	1,251.8	149.8	759.0	4,174.9	47.1	451.2	1,829.6	3,295.5	1,246.4	260.4
March	1,135.8	165.8	728.9	4,652.0	39.4	428.9	1,767.1	2,902.8	1,125.8	228.2
April	1,360.0	137.7	704.9	3,803.8	39.4	438.0	1,867.8	2,987.9	1,161.4	237.0
May	1,214.4	151.4	736.2	2,999.8	43.8	435.1	1,910.0	3,000.9	1,213.0	262.6
June	1,130.6	147.6	796.8	4,666.8	75.3	462.3	1,996.4	3,463.9	1,312.9	r389.3
July	1,059.3	132.7	746.3	4,084.3	43.6	457.1	1,929.1	3,280.6	1,233.7	232.2
August	946.7	204.4	811.4	3,752.0	54.2	454.1	1,963.3	3,196.0	1,202.4	r251.1
September	1,005.3	210.8	791.2	4,046.8	44.5	495.5	2,039.0	3,428.5	1,331.9	305.4
October	947.6	135.4	818.7	4,138.4	31.3	369.6	1,946.2	3,463.1	1,292.3	274.5
November	958.8	107.1	829.6	4,214.9	42.1	326.7	1,865.8	3,362.5	1,148.9	395.3
December	1,353.8	160.6	812.0	3,270.1	44.2	572.9	2,231.7	3,737.2	1,451.3	311.0
1978										
January-April	4,944.2	760.9	3,173.8	14,339.2	180.3	2,163.6	10,085.0	16,035.3	6,366.9	1,381.1
January	1,203.8	147.1	728.6	3,411.8	31.0	435.8	2,241.6	3,706.6	1,415.8	356.9
February	1,264.0	197.7	851.7	3,777.4	54.5	552.1	2,693.4	4,214.6	1,634.0	287.9
March	1,243.3	187.0	821.0	3,312.2	48.0	588.4	2,502.1	3,877.5	1,636.9	380.9
April	1,233.1	229.1	772.5	3,837.8	46.8	587.3	2,647.9	4,236.6	1,680.2	355.4
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										
	Unadjusted									
1977										
January-December	13,424.8	1,817.5	9,160.5	47,292.8	564.1	5,245.5	22,997.2	38,830.3	14,828.0	3,387.8
January-April	4,821.5	564.9	2,661.9	16,674.5	183.0	1,727.5	6,744.6	11,947.6	4,267.7	895.2
January	1,039.2	131.2	588.8	3,762.4	60.6	371.0	1,540.6	2,665.9	1,016.7	207.8
February	1,169.2	133.0	642.1	4,099.8	43.3	409.7	1,606.4	2,975.8	1,060.7	233.1
March	1,216.4	167.5	728.2	5,084.6	40.3	461.5	1,765.3	3,213.4	1,106.7	223.9
April	1,396.7	133.2	702.8	3,727.7	38.8	485.3	1,832.3	3,092.5	1,083.6	230.4
May	1,196.2	157.5	758.3	2,963.8	44.5	435.1	1,917.6	3,147.9	1,136.6	261.8
June	1,235.7	159.4	908.4	4,582.8	74.5	475.2	2,164.1	3,647.5	1,347.0	r397.9
July	1,049.8	123.0	779.1	4,157.8	44.1	424.2	1,923.3	3,192.0	1,354.6	234.8
August	952.4	177.6	834.1	3,868.3	55.5	446.8	2,008.5	2,924.3	1,320.2	r248.6
September	941.0	199.4	808.6	3,937.5	44.2	459.8	2,041.0	3,191.9	1,351.9	313.0
October	874.6	148.9	796.6	3,857.0	31.6	371.1	2,010.4	3,511.6	1,444.8	285.8
November	964.6	111.8	771.5	3,915.6	41.6	328.3	1,895.7	3,399.5	1,201.8	418.2
December	1,389.0	175.0	842.0	3,335.5	45.1	577.5	2,292.0	3,868.0	1,403.4	332.5
1978										
January-April	4,964.3	736.4	2,999.6	14,686.1	176.4	2,223.4	9,569.6	16,034.6	5,866.9	1,306.5
January	1,194.2	151.1	692.9	3,623.3	31.5	444.5	2,131.8	3,595.4	1,316.7	333.3
February	1,183.1	176.0	721.4	3,713.2	50.1	500.8	2,367.5	3,793.1	1,388.9	258.0
March	1,340.3	190.4	823.5	3,626.9	49.3	636.1	2,507.1	4,307.9	1,615.6	374.4
April	1,246.7	218.8	761.7	3,722.7	45.5	641.9	2,563.2	4,338.3	1,545.8	340.5
May										
June										
July										
August										
September										
October										
November										
December										

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[1]Schedule A section descriptions are as follows:

0. Food and live animals
1. Beverages and tobacco
2. Crude materials, inedible, except fuels
3. Mineral fuels, lubricants, and related material
4. Oils and fats--animal and vegetable
5. Chemicals and related products, N.S.P.F.
6. Manufactured goods classified chiefly by material
7. Machinery and transport equipment
8. Miscellaneous manufactured articles, N.S.P.F.
9. Commodities and transactions not classified elsewhere

[2]Beginning with January 1978 statistics, totals include data on shipments of nonmonetary gold. See the Explanation of Statistics for additional information. See also table 1, footnote 2.

[3]Adjusted for seasonal and working-day variation. See footnote 1 on bottom of page 6. Annual totals are not shown for seasonally adjusted data. Unadjusted data should be used for annual totals. The adjusted section totals in this table and similar overall monthly totals in tables 1 and 3 were adjusted independently.

GENERAL IMPORTS OF PETROLEUM AND SELECTED PETROLEUM PRODUCTS INTO THE U.S. CUSTOMS AREA AND U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS, UNADJUSTED

Monthly and cumulative-to-date data on general imports of petroleum and selected petroleum products into the U.S. Customs area and into the U.S. Virgin Islands for the period January 1977 through the current month are presented in the tables that follow. Tables 1-A and 1-B present imports into the U.S. Customs area and tables 2-A and 2-B present imports into the U.S. Virgin Islands. (It should be noted that imports into the Virgin Islands are excluded from the regularly compiled foreign trade statistics and, therefore, are excluded from the data presented in tables 1-A and 1-B as well as the other tables shown in the front of this report.—See "Explanation of Statistics".

Effective with January 1978 statistics, certain changes were made in the commodity classifications (Schedule A and TSUSA) covering petroleum products. These changes are reflected in the listing of classifications shown below. Data presented in tables 1-B and 2-B which follow have been revised to reflect all changes in classifications, effective January 1978.

Schedule A and TSUSA Commodity Numbers Used in Compiling the Petroleum Information Presented in This Report

Energy products

Schedule A. No.	TSUSA No.
Crude petroleum and derivatives to be refined	
331.0120	475.0510
331.0140	475.1010
331.0240	475.6510
Crude petroleum	
331.0120	475.0510
331.0140	475.1010
Gasoline	
332.1000	475.2520, 475.2560
Jet fuel	
332.2020	475.2530 475.2550
Kerosene	
332.2040	475.3000
Distillate fuel oil	
332.3020	475.0525 475.0545
332.3040	475.1015 475.1025
Residual fuel oil	
332.4020	475.0535
332.4040	475.1035
Propane and butane gas	
341.0020	475.1525, 475.1535, 475.1545
Liquid derivatives of petroleum, n.e.s.	
332.9940 pt.	475.6530

Nonenergy products

Schedule A. No.	TSUSA No.
Lubricating oils	
332.5000 pt.	475.4500
Lubricating greases	
332.5000 pt.	475.5500, 475.6000
Paraffin and other mineral waxes	
332.6220 pt.	494.2200
332.6240	494.2400
Asphalt	
332.9800	521.1100
Naphthas	
332.9920	475.3500
All other petroleum products (pitch of tar coke, nonliquid hydrocarbon mixtures, and calcined petroleum and coal coke not for fuel	
332.9700 pt.	401.6200
332.9940 pt.	475.7000
599.8040 pt.	517.5100

Table 1-A. Summary of U.S. General Imports of Petroleum and Selected Petroleum Products into the U.S. Customs Area, Unadjusted, by Month (f.a.s. Value Basis): 1978

(See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on coverage, date of importation, definition of the f.a.s. import value, and sources of error in the data. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures and hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description[1]	January-April	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	Net quantity (Thousands of barrels)												
Total petroleum and selected products..	975,125	237,393	246,618	244,777	246,338								
Energy products.....	956,757	232,326	242,573	240,579	241,278								
Crude Petroleum and derivatives to be refined.....	764,047	193,420	199,336	181,415	189,877								
Crude petroleum.....	761,253	192,772	198,230	181,172	189,079								
Gasoline[2].....	5,797	2,438	654	1,675	1,029								
Jet fuel.....	8,626	1,560	1,981	2,451	2,634								
Kerosene.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Distillate fuel oil.....	8,784	2,356	3,437	1,781	1,209								
Residual fuel oil.....	153,181	27,153	32,287	49,673	44,068								
Propane and butane gas.....	16,090	5,336	4,837	3,511	2,407								
Petroleum derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.....	233	63	41	74	54								
Nonenergy products.....	18,369	5,066	4,045	4,198	5,060								
Lubricating oils.....	542	177	146	49	170								
Lubricating greases[3].....	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)								
Paraffin and other mineral waxes[3].....	138	37	31	30	40								
Naphthas.....	16,037	4,579	3,486	3,772	4,199								
Asphalt[3].....	1,111	186	201	206	518								
All other petroleum products[3].....	540	87	181	140	132								
	F.a.s. value (Thousands of dollars)												
Total petroleum and selected products..	13,002,149	3,205,217	3,296,460	3,233,027	3,267,445								
Energy products.....	12,728,182	3,128,451	3,235,023	3,171,792	3,192,917								
Crude Petroleum and derivatives to be refined.....	10,323,944	2,630,466	2,690,667	2,444,133	2,558,679								
Crude petroleum.....	10,281,516	2,620,138	2,673,110	2,441,007	2,547,261								
Gasoline[2].....	92,162	38,335	10,805	26,632	16,390								
Jet fuel.....	137,298	28,543	30,850	37,855	40,050								
Kerosene.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Distillate fuel oil.....	119,639	32,091	47,213	23,958	16,377								
Residual fuel oil.....	1,875,972	340,624	401,684	598,813	534,851								
Propane and butane gas.....	173,508	57,207	53,212	38,289	24,801								
Petroleum derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.....	5,659	1,186	592	2,113	1,769								
Nonenergy products.....	273,967	76,767	61,437	61,235	74,528								
Lubricating oils.....	14,551	4,843	3,811	1,422	4,474								
Lubricating greases.....	212	30	46	65	72								
Paraffin and other mineral waxes.....	7,870	2,082	1,732	1,949	2,107								
Naphthas.....	229,210	66,457	49,987	53,089	59,677								
Asphalt.....	10,826	1,777	1,961	2,044	5,044								
All other petroleum products.....	11,298	1,578	3,901	2,666	3,154								

- Represents zero. Z Less than one half of unit of measurement shown.

[1] See page 12 for a list of the Schedule A and TSUSA (Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated) commodities included in each line item.

[2] Includes motor fuels, n.e.s.

[3] Quantity data which are reported in either pounds, short tons, or long tons in the regular import statistics have been converted to barrels in this report on the basis of 300 pounds per barrel.

Table 1-B. Summary of U.S. General Imports of Petroleum and Selected Petroleum Products into the U.S. Customs Area, Unadjusted, by Month (f.a.s. Value Basis): 1977

(See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on coverage, date of importation, definition of the f.a.s. import value, and sources of error in the data. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description[1]	January-December	January-April	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	Net quantity (Thousands of barrels)													
Total petroleum and selected products..	3,183,066	1,138,837	268,020	283,156	340,357	247,304	196,924	308,057	281,477	263,000	260,050	257,615	258,315	218,792
Energy products.....	3,108,736	1,113,763	261,693	278,851	334,575	238,644	191,334	300,572	274,179	257,099	253,807	251,586	253,592	212,804
Crude petroleum and derivatives to be refined.....	2,540,471	873,301	207,781	205,069	264,829	195,622	160,607	256,692	230,062	209,100	210,321	211,392	216,623	172,375
Crude petroleum.....	2,532,508	871,434	207,738	204,579	264,202	194,915	160,217	255,951	229,532	208,239	209,539	210,575	215,654	171,366
Gasoline[2].....	23,860	9,205	625	1,306	3,209	4,065	1,390	2,546	3,161	2,195	1,919	365	1,931	1,149
Jet fuel.....	23,114	9,203	2,275	2,074	2,322	2,532	1,847	997	2,103	1,334	1,731	1,710	1,801	2,388
Kerosene.....	847	844	-	465	103	276	-	-	-	(Z)	-	1	-	(Z)
Distillate fuel oil.....	49,471	36,799	4,053	13,841	16,366	2,539	832	2,233	1,069	1,336	1,536	1,784	1,985	1,896
Residual fuel oil.....	409,247	161,241	40,011	49,238	42,606	29,386	22,463	32,760	33,163	38,392	34,807	31,624	25,809	28,988
Propane and butane gas.....	59,028	21,918	6,108	6,629	5,030	4,151	4,016	5,092	4,524	4,669	3,248	4,304	5,375	5,884
Petroleum derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.....	2,697	1,249	838	228	110	73	180	253	99	73	245	405	69	124
Nonenergy products.....	74,330	25,075	6,328	4,306	5,781	8,660	5,589	7,485	7,297	5,901	6,244	6,029	4,723	5,988
Lubricating oils.....	1,372	192	15	63	50	64	25	109	78	118	159	312	231	146
Lubricating greases[3].....	3	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	(Z)	1	1	(Z)
Paraffin and other mineral waxes[3].....	305	80	14	23	18	25	22	24	25	37	25	32	21	38
Naphthas.....	65,186	22,303	5,700	3,766	5,179	7,658	4,991	6,620	6,468	5,115	5,316	5,004	3,870	5,499
Asphalt[3].....	4,939	1,051	329	179	273	270	419	607	557	507	618	547	433	199
All other petroleum products[3].....	2,526	1,447	269	275	260	643	132	125	169	123	126	134	166	106
	F.a.s. value (Thousands of dollars)													
Total petroleum and selected products..	42,364,336	15,000,817	3,365,475	3,710,046	4,591,671	3,333,625	2,622,001	4,126,054	3,751,740	3,503,626	3,485,229	3,449,940	3,490,014	2,934,914
Energy products.....	41,253,782	14,638,805	3,276,236	3,646,928	4,508,550	3,207,091	2,535,727	4,007,161	3,643,596	3,416,241	3,391,633	3,359,600	3,417,511	2,843,509
Crude petroleum and derivatives to be refined.....	33,910,278	11,461,021	2,612,295	2,679,759	3,541,303	2,627,664	2,139,423	3,441,622	3,079,751	2,804,234	2,834,346	2,868,516	2,946,064	2,335,300
Crude petroleum.....	33,774,985	11,428,810	2,611,684	2,671,219	3,530,236	2,615,671	2,132,691	3,429,253	3,070,650	2,789,161	2,820,668	2,854,628	2,929,953	2,319,172
Gasoline[2].....	381,192	145,150	10,326	20,370	50,685	63,769	21,706	41,695	49,838	37,058	31,258	5,569	30,516	18,401
Jet fuel.....	358,213	144,464	33,865	32,337	37,600	40,662	28,734	15,250	32,411	20,004	26,804	25,672	26,982	37,891
Kerosene.....	13,324	13,303	-	7,337	1,604	4,362	-	-	-	1	-	16	-	5
Distillate fuel oil.....	742,085	568,468	57,145	213,506	260,327	37,490	11,214	31,022	14,171	18,822	21,307	24,215	27,014	25,851
Residual fuel oil.....	5,211,373	2,076,706	493,180	627,661	567,506	388,359	289,164	420,457	418,474	484,251	440,055	388,012	328,457	365,798
Propane and butane gas.....	598,462	209,676	55,989	62,396	47,995	43,296	42,611	53,776	47,661	50,797	33,566	45,233	57,239	57,903
Petroleum derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.....	38,855	20,015	13,435	3,562	1,529	1,489	2,874	3,339	1,289	1,074	4,296	2,369	1,238	2,360
Nonenergy products.....	1,110,554	362,012	89,239	63,118	83,121	126,534	86,274	118,893	108,143	87,385	93,597	90,340	72,504	91,405
Lubricating oils.....	32,327	3,399	272	1,151	186	1,790	696	2,492	1,950	2,899	4,063	6,769	6,042	4,018
Lubricating greases.....	605	108	42	15	30	21	26	58	25	191	42	67	33	54
Paraffin and other mineral waxes.....	17,519	4,266	696	1,361	1,033	1,176	1,332	1,681	1,677	2,891	1,630	1,432	1,138	1,472
Naphthas.....	952,664	318,149	80,453	54,321	74,880	108,495	75,050	96,704	95,599	73,763	79,410	74,482	58,277	81,230
Asphalt.....	60,816	9,900	3,144	1,411	2,331	3,014	7,316	15,864	5,477	4,807	5,918	5,587	3,990	1,958
All other petroleum products.....	46,622	26,192	4,632	4,859	4,661	12,040	1,855	2,094	3,415	2,835	2,534	2,002	3,023	2,672

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[1]See page 12 for a list of the Schedule A and TSUSA (Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated) commodities included in each line item.

[2]Includes motor fuels, n.e.s.

[3]Quantity data which are reported in either pounds, short tons, or long tons in the regular import statistics have been converted to barrels in this report on the basis of 300 pounds per barrel.

Table 2-A. Summary of Imports of Petroleum and Selected Petroleum Products into the U.S. Virgin Islands from Foreign Countries, Unadjusted, by Month (f.a.s. Value Basis): 1978

(See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on coverage, definition of the f.a.s. import value, and sources of error in the data. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description[1]	January-April	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	Net quantity (Thousands of barrels)												
Total petroleum and selected products..	79,141	34,446	19,432	13,455	11,808								
Energy products.....	79,105	34,446	19,432	13,455	11,772								
Crude petroleum and derivatives to be refined.....	79,105	34,446	19,432	13,455	11,772								
Crude petroleum.....	79,105	34,446	19,432	13,455	11,772								
Gasoline[2].....	-	-	-	-	-								
Jet fuel.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Kerosene.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Distillate fuel oil.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Residual fuel oil.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Propane and butane gas.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Petroleum derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Nonenergy products.....	35	-	-	(Z)	35								
Lubricating oils.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Lubricating greases[3].....	-	-	-	-	-								
Paraffin and other mineral waxes[3].....	-	-	-	-	-								
Naphthas.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Asphalt[3].....	35	-	-	(Z)	35								
All other petroleum products[3].....	-	-	-	-	-								
	F.s.s. value (Thousands of dollars)												
Total petroleum and selected products..	1,026,358	445,440	250,510	176,780	153,628								
Energy products.....	1,026,239	445,440	250,510	176,740	153,549								
Crude petroleum and derivatives to be refined.....	1,026,239	445,440	250,510	176,740	153,549								
Crude petroleum.....	1,026,239	445,440	250,510	176,740	153,549								
Gasoline[2].....	-	-	-	-	-								
Jet fuel.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Kerosene.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Oistillate fuel oil.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Residual fuel oil.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Propane and butane gas.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Petroleum derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Nonenergy products.....	119	-	-	40	79								
Lubricating oils.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Lubricating greases.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Paraffin and other mineral waxes.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Naphthas.....	-	-	-	-	-								
Asphalt.....	119	-	-	40	79								
All other petroleum products.....	-	-	-	-	-								

- Represents zero. Z Less than one half of unit of measurement shown.

[1] See page 12 for a list of the Schedule A and TSUSA (Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated) commodities included in each line item.

[2] Includes motor fuels, n.e.s.

[3] Quantity data which are reported in either pounds, short tons, or long tons in the regular import statistics have been converted to barrels in this report on the basis of 300 pounds per barrel.

Table 2-B. Summary of Imports of Petroleum and Selected Petroleum Products into the U.S. Virgin Islands from Foreign Countries, Unadjusted, by Month (f.a.s. Value Basis): 1977

(See "Explanation of Statistics" for information on coverage, definition of the f.a.s. import value, and sources of error in the data. Totals represent sum of unrounded figures, hence may vary slightly from sum of rounded amounts)

Commodity description[1]	January-December	January-April	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
	Net quantity (Thousands of barrels)													
Total petroleum and selected products.	203,496	74,072	13,409	21,815	20,451	18,397	14,679	17,003	6,505	28,919	11,002	24,019	21,705	5,592
Energy products	203,467	74,072	13,409	21,815	20,451	18,397	14,679	16,999	6,498	28,914	11,002	24,015	21,696	5,592
Crude petroleum and derivatives to be refined	203,467	74,072	13,409	21,815	20,451	18,397	14,679	16,999	6,498	28,914	11,002	24,015	21,696	5,592
Crude petroleum	203,467	74,072	13,409	21,815	20,451	18,397	14,679	16,999	6,498	28,914	11,002	24,015	21,696	5,592
Gasoline[2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jet fuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kerosene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distillate fuel oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residual fuel oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Propane and butane gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Propane derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonenergy products	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	5	(Z)	4	9	-
Lubricating oils	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-
Lubricating greases[3]	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-
Paraffin and other mineral waxes[3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naphthas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asphalt[3]	30	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	8	5	-	4	9	-
All other petroleum products[3]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	F.a.s. value (Thousands of dollars)													
Total petroleum and selected products.	2,615,902	938,862	160,716	273,921	266,733	237,492	188,117	218,713	84,860	371,915	144,005	314,461	281,599	73,370
Energy products	2,615,636	938,862	160,716	273,921	266,733	237,492	188,117	218,674	84,782	371,867	144,001	314,426	281,537	73,370
Crude petroleum and derivatives to be refined	2,615,636	938,862	160,716	273,921	266,733	237,492	188,117	218,674	84,782	371,867	144,001	314,426	281,537	73,370
Crude petroleum	2,615,636	938,862	160,716	273,921	266,733	237,492	188,117	218,674	84,782	371,867	144,001	314,426	281,537	73,370
Gasoline[2]	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Jet fuel	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Kerosene	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Distillate fuel oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Residual fuel oil	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Propane and butane gas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Petroleum derivatives, liquid, n.e.s.	(Z)	(Z)	-	-	(Z)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nonenergy products	265	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	77	48	4	35	62	-
Lubricating oils	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Lubricating greases	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
Paraffin and other mineral waxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Naphthas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Asphalt	261	-	-	-	-	-	-	39	77	48	-	35	62	-
All other petroleum products	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

- Represents zero. Z Less than one half of unit of measurement shown.

[1] See page 12 for a list of the Schedule A and TSUSA (Tariff Schedules of the United States Annotated) commodities included in each line item.

[2] Includes motor fuels, n.e.s.

[3] Quantity data which are reported in either pounds, short tons, or long tons in the regular import statistics have been converted to barrels in this report on the basis of 300 pounds per barrel.

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